

The National Public Service Awards

November 4, 1982

Dear Colleague:

With a great deal of pride in our profession I announce the opening of nominations for the National Public Service Awards Program. For too long the examples of good public management have been ignored by the general public. The purposes of these awards are to provide recognition to outstanding public service managers and to counter the negative public perceptions of the work of government employees.

Nominations are now open! To reach the people who could provide the best nominations we need your help. Enclosed is a poster describing the award program and how to nominate someone. Would you please see that it is posted in a conspicuous location as to attract a good deal of attention. I've also enclosed two (2) nomination sheets which you may copy and distribute to those who wish to submit nominations.

I'm sure you will agree that this is a most urgently needed vehicle to recognize the dedication and hard work of government employees. I thank you for helping get the word out, and for sending us your nomination.

Elmer B. Staats, Chair NPSA Committee

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ANNOUNCING THE FIRST ANNUAL *National Public Service Awards*

For the leadership, long hours, and loyalty, and the exemplary public service that has too long remained unsung:

The American Society for Public Administration and the National Academy of Public Administration have established the National Public Service Awards Program—

To pay tribute to government managers whose careers exhibit the highest standard of dedication, ability, and service.

Early next year, a committee of distinguished Americans will review nominations and select award recipients. The First Annual Awards will be made at the ASPA National Conference in New York in April, and will reflect the theme of the Conference—"To exhibit pride, demonstrate performance, and communicate professionalism in public administration to the American people."

Award Criteria—Beginning in April of 1983, up to five awards will be presented annually to managers who currently work or have spent the primary part of their careers working as managers in government service. The awards will recognize public administrators who have made outstanding contributions on a sustained basis rather than those who have performed a single, exceptional public service deed. Award winners will be selected from all levels of government (local, state, federal, and international) but awards will not be chosen by category.

Nominations Process—Nominations for the National Public Service Awards are solicited from the entire public administration community, and are not limited to ASPA and NAPA members.

Nominations will be accepted from individuals, government units, professional groups, the business community, nonprofit organizations, and educational groups. Nominations must be typewritten and follow the format described below.

1. A cover letter stating name, address, day phone, title and organization of both the nominee and nominator.
2. A separate sheet with name, address, day phone, title and organization of three references for nominee (do not include nominator).

3. A brief biography (not more than two pages) summarizing positions held, educational background, civic and professional involvements and other, relevant personal data.

4. A narrative (double spaced) not exceeding five (5) pages in length, explaining the basis for the nomination. Continuing improvement of government management should be emphasized, with specific data illustrating the sustaining nature of the nominee's positive contributions.

Deadline for receipt of nominations is December 31, 1982.

Nominations should be mailed to: National Public Service Awards, Selection Committee, 1120 G Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005.

Selection Committee—Members of the Selection Committee for the 1983 Awards are:

Richard Bolling, U.S. Representative
Daniel J. Evans, President, Evergreen State College
Andrew J. Goodpaster, General, U.S. Army
Martha W. Griffiths, Former U.S. Congresswoman
Haynes Johnson, Columnist, Washington Post
Phil M. Klutznick, Former Secretary of Commerce
Tom Moody, Mayor, Columbus, Ohio
Esther Peterson, Former Special Assistant to President for Consumer Affairs
Robert H. Rawson, Past President, National Municipal League
Elliot L. Richardson, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy
George R. Schrader, Executive Vice-President, L.D. Brinkman & Company
Donna E. Shalala, President, Hunter College
Elmer B. Staats, President, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation
Glenn Watts, President, Communications Workers of America

Awards Presentation—The Selection Committee's decision will be announced in mid-March. Presentation of the awards will take place in April during the 1983 ASPA National Conference at the New York City Hilton Hotel.



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